

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 154**

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**A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE COUNTY MANAGER AUTHORITY TO  
NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A LEASE OF THE FORMER HEAD START BUILDING  
ON BEHALF OF SANTA FE COUNTY WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL  
SERVICE (USPS) TO PROVIDE A LOCATION FOR A POST OFFICE FOR THE  
RESIDENTS OF CHIMAYO AND SURROUNDING AREA**

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**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County owns the Former Head Start building at 205-A Juan Media Road in Chimayo; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2023, the Chimayo Post Office was destroyed by a fire; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2024, the USPS issued a press release seeking potential building or space options within three miles of the destroyed post office to reestablish the presence of a local Post Office; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to provide additional support as well as introduce potential options for the USPS to utilize existing County-owned buildings, Santa Fe County submitted comments along with two County-owned locations identified within three miles of the previous location that may meet the needs for a new location based on the background information provided in the press release; and

**WHEREAS**, the USPS has expressed interest in negotiating a potential lease whereby the County would lease the Former Head Start building to the USPS for the purpose of the USPS establishing and operating a post office that would be convenient and beneficial to the residents of Chimayo and the surrounding areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

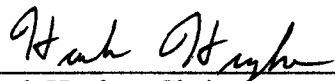
1. The Board delegates to the County Manager the authority to negotiate and sign a lease between the County and the USPS, for the purpose of the USPS' potential establishment and operation of a post office at the former Head Start Building.
2. The Board delegates to the County Manager the authority to execute the lease on behalf of Santa Fe County based on successful negotiations, including all related documents and agreements necessary to effectuate the lease with the USPS and the establishment of a post office for the community.
3. In dealing with the USPS, the County Manager shall make clear that the County's paramount goal is a replacement post office for the Community and may express support for alternative locations that he believes may better serve the community, such as the so-called Apple Shed (or Manzana Center) just off of NM 76.

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4. The authority granted herein is subject to the following conditions:
  - a. The annual rent shall be the fair market value as established by a certified appraiser; and
  - b. The lease must be approved by the State Board of Finance.

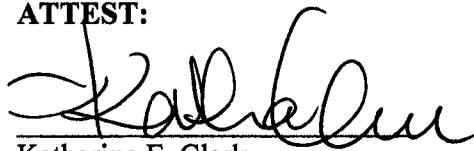
**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024**

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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 Hank Hughes, Chair




**ATTEST:**

  
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 Katharine E. Clark  
 Santa Fe County Clerk

11/26/24  
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 Date

**Approved as to form:**

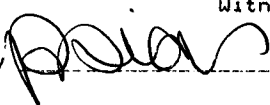
  
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 Jeff Young  
 Santa Fe County Attorney



COUNTY OF SANTA FE            )  
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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
 Katharine E. Clark  
 Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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